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Taking a Break from Winter

UNO students, from left, sophomore Brian Bentzinger, freshman Kelly Wilson, sophomore John Byrne and sophomore Corey Zetterman, took advantage of the the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday to sit outside the Durham Science Center.

Weather today is expected to be mostly sunny with high temperatures around 50 to 60 degrees. Clouds and lower temperatures are expected to roll in for the weekend.

—SR Kemper

Med Center Expecting New Addition to Ease Labor Pains

By Jonathan Pelphrey

The University of Nebraska Medical Center is beginning an extensive renovation project this month to upgrade their existing labor and delivery, recovery and postpartum area at the University Hospital. The resulting state-of-the-art facility, said Peg Lorkovic, assistant patient care manager, will allow the Med Center to offer a more family-oriented environment for both mother and child.

Until recently, the labor and delivery areas of many hospitals were separate from the recovery and postpartum areas. This required both mother and child to be moved from room to room following the delivery. Some hospitals today, however, are beginning to re-think the way they provide maternity care.

"Our patients," said Dr. Carl Smith, professor and vice chairman of the Med Center's obstetrics and gynecology department, "are demanding a comfortable, home-like setting to deliver their babies."

While the design of the new area by Dana Larson Roubal and Associates has been approved and asbestos removal has begun, bids for the construction of the estimated \$2.5 million project are still being considered. The project received approval from the Certificate of Need Committee of the Nebraska Department of Health in May, 1995 and, as a result of approval by the Board of Regents, is being funded entirely by the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Pending the results of the bidding process, construction will begin this month with completion set for January 1997.

The new facility, while remaining both safe and cost-effective, will not require the separation of the mother from her child and will encourage and ease family development by keeping both mother and child in the same room from the beginnings of labor to the day they can both leave together, usually anywhere from one to three days, depending on

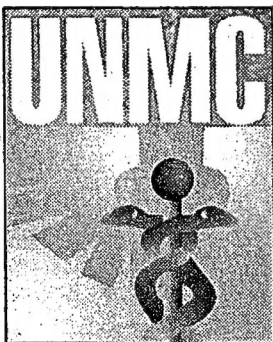
the circumstances of delivery.

This new people-friendly approach is made more feasible now, both logistically and financially, due to the decreased length of maternity stays, which has been on the decline in recent years. In addition, Lorkovic pointed to the smaller size of the University Hospital's maternity facility relative to others in the area. Many hospitals can provide maternity care for a greater number of women at once because they generally have smaller rooms and have divided the caregiving between a number of specialized staff members and areas of concentration. The completed center at the University Hospital, by contrast, will have nine larger rooms which the planners hope will enable the family to grow together in a healthier environment than was previously possible.

Lorkovic believes that the new center will be of tremendous benefit to the student, who will likely encounter more facilities of this nature in the future. The benefits to the student will not only come in the form of exposure to the latest facilities and technology, however. "Students will be receiving the same training," Lorkovic said, "but the new LDRP (labor and delivery, recovery and postpartum area) will make it easier to obtain and develop a rapport with each individual." This, she believes, may be the best thing to result from the renovation. Students will be able to more easily cross-train in all areas of maternity services, spending more time with each family, thus enabling the students to see the families less as cases and more as people.

A small nursery will be maintained in the new facility but its role will be significantly diminished. A main priority will be keeping the infants with the mothers. Such a situation, Dr. Smith said, will help promote parental attachment, increase confidence in parenting

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Woman Proves Eating Disorders are Survivable

By Niz Proskocil

Editor's note: This part two of a two-part series on eating disorders to mark National Eating Disorders Week. Part one appeared in the Tuesday issue.

While eating disorders continue to plague our society, one young woman's battle with bulimia has ended, thanks to the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Jodie Karre, 20, who lives in Lexington, Neb., said her struggle with bulimia started in the summer of 1994. But with the support of her parents, Karre admitted herself into the Med Center's eating disorders program January 18.

"I was getting really sick and I was always tired. I had mono twice this last semester. So I just needed help, and my parents helped me."

Karre was dismissed Wednesday from the Med Center.

Because a lot of anorexics and bulimics hold back their feelings, Karre said, her treatment involved intensive group counseling throughout the week, which focused on assertiveness and expressing feelings.

"We had groups all day long to learn how to be more open and to learn how to associate with people and not get angry. It was really nice because you got your chance to cry, because a lot of people with eating disorders do not cry."

Karre said she was not a binge-eater. She purged by taking laxatives rather than

by vomiting. This led to her developing colon and kidney problems.

"I would eat regular meals, but I would take a few laxatives after every meal, like six or seven — depends how I felt in the morning. Sometimes I took a box."

Karre, who modeled for a while and was told she had to lose weight, said that society today is "all exercise, eat right, lose weight."

Karre said that if she felt fat when she got up in the morning, she would take laxatives, eat breakfast and take more laxatives.

"It was like an after-dinner mint. I'd take them after every meal."

Karre's stay at the Med Center was brief, she said, because she was very positive and willing to anything she could to fight her illness.

"I was very positive, I just wanted to get in there and get out. I wanted to get help. I think that's how I got out so fast."

Karre said she learned a lot from the nutrition counseling she received at the Med Center. Her attitude toward food has changed since being in the program.

"I know there's no such thing as a bad food. Every food that there is, is good. Just don't eat an abundance of one thing. Eat everything in moderation and you can anything you want. I never knew that."

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

Same-Sex Marriages Deserve to be Legally Recognized

The 700 Club, a conservative, religious group located in Virginia Beach, Va. is concerned about a tidal wave coming in from Hawaii.

That must be some wave if all the maps I've checked are correct.

"A Hawaiian tidal wave powerful enough to reconfigure the nation's social and political landscape," is how the legal battle going on in the Aloha state over same-sex marriages has been described.

The case of *Bachr vs. Lewin*, which the state Supreme Court decided in 1993, cleared the way for laws allowing same-sex marriages in Hawaii. This worries the 700 Club for two reasons.

First, a bill allowing same-sex marriages is currently in the Hawaiian Legislature - showing every sign of passing - and upon its deliverance to Governor Cayetano's desk he will surely sign it.

Second, since every state recognizes all marriages performed in other states, the law in Hawaii would effectively allow homosexuals to marry - in Hawaii if necessary - and be considered legally married in any state.

A tidal wave to be sure. But what is the 700 Club afraid of? What don't they want homosexuals to have?

Whatever they are afraid of homosexuals getting, I think we've kept it from them long enough by not allowing them the basic right of marriage.

I am married and because I am, my wife and I enjoy several legal benefits that we would not have if we were just living together.

Last year when I had a death on my side of the family, my wife was able to travel with me to Texas to the funeral because according to her company's policy, my family was her family.

In case my wife were to die, I would stand to inherit her estate and could make decisions concerning her burial wishes.

My wife could choose not to testify against me in a court of law.

In addition to the legal benefits of being married, my wife and I enjoy several emotional benefits.

Because we are married we feel a certain sense of commitment in our relationship. We know that we can count on one another for support (or we could file for that support in divorce court.)

In short, we promised to be responsible to and for one another and just to make sure we would not back out at the least sign of trouble we made it legal.

These and many others are the benefits of being married, benefits that my wife and I have in our relationship. And these are the benefits that every relationship should be allowed to enjoy.

But they are not, because groups that call themselves conservative - but just act bigoted - are rallying the religious right to deny these basic rights to anyone who does not fit their narrow view of what sexuality should be.

They worry that allowing same-sex marriages is the first step towards legitimizing all sorts of acts - pedophilia, incest, etc. - under the name of 'sexual preference'.

But allowing same-sex marriages and allowing 6-year-olds to be raped are two entirely different things. And groups like the 700 Club should know the difference, or they are not as conservative as they profess to be.

Any real conservative should be asking for the dotted line on which to sign that would allow same-sex marriages.

Gays are asking for their rights, but also seem ready to take up the responsibilities that go along with them.

By asking to get married, gays are standing up and saying "We want to be held accountable for our relationships. We want responsibility and we want to prove that our love can be a lasting, life-long love." Gays want to prove that the stereotypical gay relationship - a different no-name partner every night - is as false as the idea that only gays get AIDS.

And it is about time we gave them that chance.

Nebraska State Senator Ernie Chambers has introduced a bill in the state legislature to allow same-sex marriages in this state. Whether or not his bill succeeds is seems almost moot, but it has encouraged gays in the state.

"Other states will look at this and say 'If they (Nebraska) can change, so can we,'" said Jonathan Raymond, President of the Gay and Lesbian Organization at UNO.

Raymond said that the bill in the Nebraska Legislature should make people ask themselves questions and should help people understand the problems that many gays face since they are not allowed to marry.

Raymond said he has been watching the progress of the tidal wave from Hawaii with hope. Like gays everywhere, he hopes that wave will wash away the injustice that has been done to gays for years. And he waits for the rights and responsibilities that come with marriage.

Brian Todd
Columnist



State Should Not Answer Personal Gambling Question

The first bet I recall ever making turned out to be a losing one. It was back in the late 1970s. Nebraska was playing Oklahoma. The Big Eight title was on the line. And I, sure that Nebraska would come out victorious, bet the only dollar I had to my name on the game.

But, as I said, I came out on the wrong end of the deal. Oklahoma won, and in doing so, forced me to hand that crisp dollar over to my neighbor, who took it with a smile on his face.

Now, you'd think that that experience might turn me off to gambling altogether. I mean, losing all that money and not being able to visit the candy store until the next allowance is quite a blow to a grade-schooler.

But it didn't. I still love to gamble. There's something about it that I can't quite explain. It might be the thrill of seeing a prediction I've made come true, or the satisfaction of knowing I'll be getting free money. Whatever it is, I like it.

And when I'm winning, I like it even more. Whether the same be blackjack, straight poker, or football, I'm sure to be in on it.

Some people might call this an addiction. Others might say it's a disease. But I don't think so. I think it's just a lot of fun. This is probably because I never gamble anything more than \$10 at a time (except on one visit to a casino in Iowa, in which I lost my butt and vowed to never return again). I'm fairly responsible with my money, and I know my limitations. I would never bet a car or house payment on anything, even if it was a "sure" bet.

But I know of some people who would, and have. I have read about them in the newspaper, and even heard them tell their stories to local radio talk show hosts like Z-92's Todd and Tyler. These gamblers are the guys who take their paychecks not to the bank, but to places like Bluff's Run and Winnavegas, and blow it all in one sitting. I even heard one guy describe how a friend of his blew \$18,000 in three days. He, of course, could not afford to do this, and was forced to

sleep in his car for a few days while the bank foreclosed on his house.

This kind of irresponsibility goes way beyond my understanding. How could anyone jeopardize their life's work in hopes of winning big? Don't they see that gambling is just for fun, and should never interfere with their life?

I guess you can chalk this kind of lunacy up as something akin to a disease. In fact, you would almost have to. Anyone who would lose \$18,000 in three days knowing that he could not afford to do so has to have some kind of affliction.

The state of Nebraska recently began looking into this and other types of gambling abuses. Up until last Tuesday, the state legislature was contemplating a measure that would allow the people of this state to vote on whether or not to have legalized gambling in the form of casino's. The success that Iowa's casinos have had in raking in tax dollars for needed programs is making our legislators mouths water.

The measure, however, did not pass. In fact, to my surprise, it lost by a landslide. I guess there are too many people who oppose the idea. And their main concern seems to be the welfare of individuals who cannot afford to gamble. They say that there are already enough ways to make a fast buck in Nebraska, and that allowing casinos to move in would only heighten the problems of the few who can't control their addiction.

Well, I'm sorry, but that's not good enough. Just because there are a few people out there who lose their senses whenever they see a blackjack table doesn't mean that the rest of us should suffer because of them. Look at the problems created by alcohol. Sure, there are certain individuals who have no business going near a bottle (this writer included), but does that mean that nobody should be given the right to choose? No, it doesn't. It's just too bad that our legislature is too busy looking out for the few to acknowledge the many.

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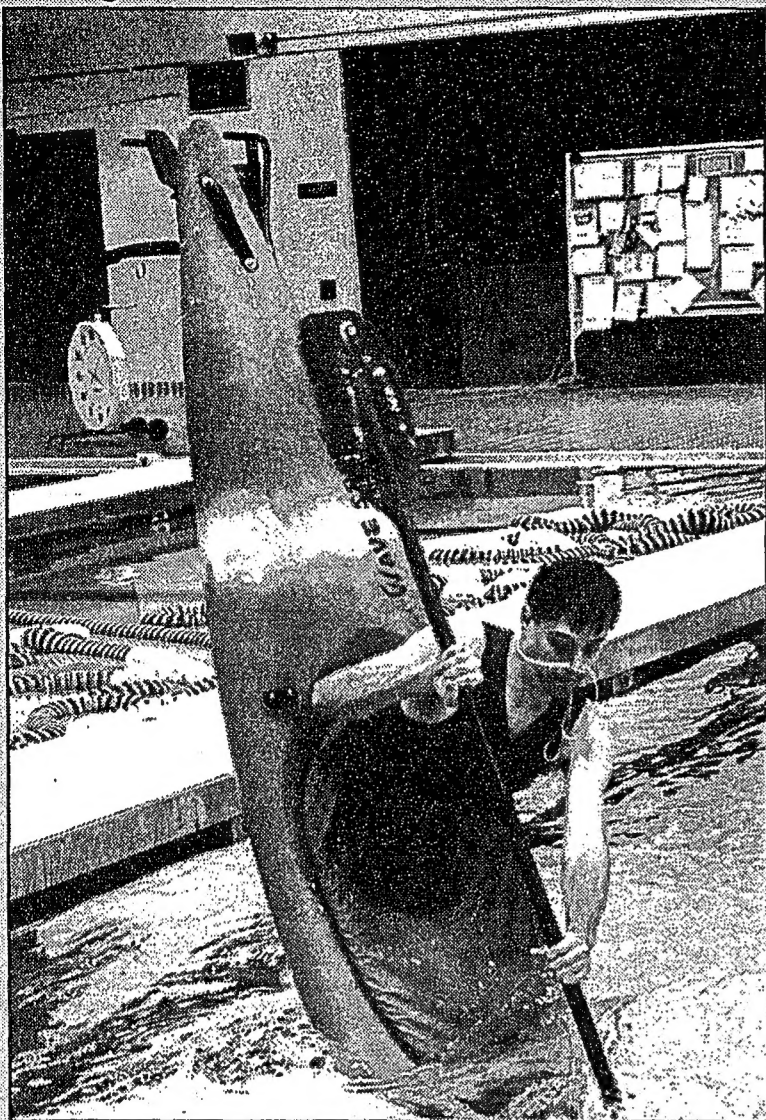
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Going for a Dip the Hard Way



Greg Hanlan takes advantage of open pool hours at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building to practice his kayaking skills, including this technique called an "ender."

Steve Houtton

NEWS BITS

New Black Studies Chair Comes to UNO

UNO has hired James Conyers as the new chairman and associate professor of the black studies department. Conyers comes to UNO from the State University of New York at Cobleskill.

Dr. Conyers received his bachelor's degree at Ramapo College in Mahwah, N.J., his master's degree in African studies from State University of New York at Albany and his doctorate in African-American Studies from Temple University.

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Caucus Acts as Barometer for Presidential Hopefuls

Dole considered front runner in Iowa race

By Beth Warner

The Iowa caucus is important because people perceive it as important, not because it has great deciding power in the elections said Bernard Kolasa, professor of political science at UNO.

In a Wednesday afternoon phone interview Kolasa said that the Iowa caucus is officially a way for the national convention to select presidential party candidates, but it also serves as "a non-binding straw-poll among eligible voters."

Iowans use the caucus to gauge the popularity of candidates and their level of organization.

In the Iowa caucus, voters across the state gather informally in libraries, public buildings and even homes to decide who to send as delegates to the national convention. Kolasa said there are hundreds of these meetings which take place during the presidential election year.

This year the Iowa caucus will be next Tuesday, Feb. 13.

At that time the caucuses take an informal straw poll to see which candidates have the support of Iowa voters and which candidates are the most organized in their support.

Unlike other states, such as New Hampshire and Nebraska, Iowa does not have primaries. Instead the caucuses are used to gather an informal head count. "How many people will show for each candidate."

Kolasa said often the caucuses are important in what the media read into them.

For example he said that four years ago "various candidates chose not to put a lot of effort toward the caucuses." Kolasa said this was partly because the Republican candidate, George Bush, was an incumbent. However, there were several candidates vying for the Democratic nomination. Kolasa said that candidates chose not to make a lot of the caucus that year.

Kolasa said that this year, Bob Dole is considered the front runner so he will probably be watched very closely.

The saying "as goes Iowa, so goes the country" is untrue, said Kolasa.

For example in 1988, the contest for the Republican nomination was between Dole and Bush. Dole came out the front runner in the Iowa Caucus, but Bush was nominated as the Republican Party candidate before going on to be elected as president. In this particular case the Iowa caucus was not an accurate predictor.

Kolasa said that often the caucuses serve as a sifting process. Sometimes the caucus is the beginning of the end for some candidates.

For example candidates who don't do well in the process may choose to drop out of the race.

"Somewhere along the line a number of candidates will hang it up," Kolasa said.

On the other hand the caucuses can enhance a candidate's position. A candidate who isn't assumed to be doing well may show well in the caucus and move up to a higher position.

Kolasa said that the number of delegates chosen during the Iowa caucus is very small in relation to the total number of delegates who will go to the national convention. About 1,900 delegates will go to the convention this summer, 25 of them are from Iowa. Iowa's delegates make up just over 1 percent of the delegates at the convention.

In order for a candidate to become the party's candidate they must get a majority of the delegate votes, or slightly less than 1,000.

Kolasa said that voter registration in Iowa is fairly evenly split in thirds. Overall, 35 percent of Iowa voters are registered Democrats, 36 percent are registered Republicans and 29 percent are registered as Independents or other.

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Karre, who is taking correspondence classes through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said her image of herself has improved. She looks forward to attending classes and being back at home.

"I was suicidal when I went in there, and now I feel a lot better. I have so much more to look forward to. I just feel a lot better about who I am."

Karre said her friends and family were a little nervous at first, but they were always supportive and ready to help.

The Med Center's eating disorders program is set up similar to a dormitory, Karre said. There are two people per room, and patients can bring anything they want, except a television.

Patients can walk around freely on their floor. But if they leave the locked doors, someone must accompany them and the nurse must be notified.

"You have to tell the nurse where you go, just so you don't walk out and go purge or something."

Karre said she did not have the tendency to purge while at the Med Center because of the supportive staff and because she knew she was there for help.

"You're not there just to support yourself,

you're there to support everybody else who's on that floor. Everybody's there for each other. If they have a crisis, then everybody goes and helps and tries to get through it. And we talk about it in group."

Karre said her goals are to stay purge-free and to be more positive about everything. She said her advice to women struggling with eating disorders is to get help.

"Talk to somebody about it because it will kill you."

•From Med Center, page 1•

skills, and improve one-on-one education. The nursery will primarily be used in cases where sick or very tired mothers cannot properly care for their babies, or where complications prevent the normal interaction between mother and child. Premature infants will be housed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit which will retain some autonomy and will gradually be phased in to the new facility once normal operations are underway. None of the current labor and delivery area's activities will be affected by the renovation, as all of the work will occur in a 9,138 square foot area on the fourth floor that was previously classrooms and vacant space. Upon completion of the new area, the entire maternity division will be able to move at once.

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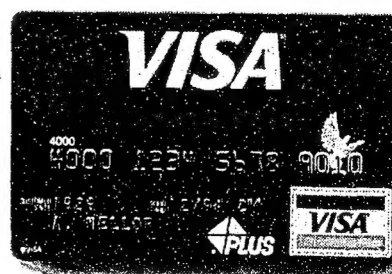
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Sports



Lady Mavs Facing 'Dogfight' for No. 4 Position

By Tony Reinke

UNO's women's basketball team is heading into a 'dogfight' Saturday. At stake is a legitimate shot at postseason play.

The Lady Mavs are tied with three other teams for the crucial No. 4 spot in the North Central Conference. Saturday night's game against Northern Colorado in the UNO Fieldhouse may be either team's final shot at regionals.

"A look at the postseason is what is at stake," said UNO Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg. "The fourth place position is where the dogfight is going to be."

UNO and Northern Colorado are 5-6 in conference play — so too stands Augustana and St. Cloud State — all tied at No. 4. All four teams are fighting for a shot at regionals, which contains the NCC and 15 other teams. Although there are no specific number of NCC teams voted to regionals, Mankenberg feels at least four teams should since the No. 4 spot is clearly undecided.

"Definitely four teams from our league should be going to regionals, which is why we want to finish at least fourth," Mankenberg said.

The first two spots in the NCC have been clearly marked by South Dakota State and North Dakota State. Both teams are 10-1 on the season. North Dakota is No. 3 at 9-2 in NCC play.

Saturday's game, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Fieldhouse, will give Mankenberg and the Lady Mavs a shot to avenge an 88-76 loss in Greeley, Colo. earlier this season.

"We've gone through our road schedule and now we're at home for the next three games," Mankenberg said. "So it's critical that we step up and take care of our business at home. We need to be relentless and confident about those games."

Mankenberg is optimistic with her team's success on offense as well as the defensive side.

"We held Augustana to 58 points, twice.

Which is the lowest — by far, of any other team," she said. "To hold a team that averages 85 points per game to 58 shows a tremendous effort from our players. We keep playing solid defense and now our offense is coming around which is what makes it fun."

One player that has come around is Amy Loth. The junior guard is averaging 12.3 points per game.

"From a year ago, Amy Loth has really improved," Mankenberg said. "She is becoming a great defensive player — which is something that has improved. This season, I have no hesitation on putting Loth on top scorers."

Last season, she averaged 3.4 rebounds in conference games. This season she averages 4.3.

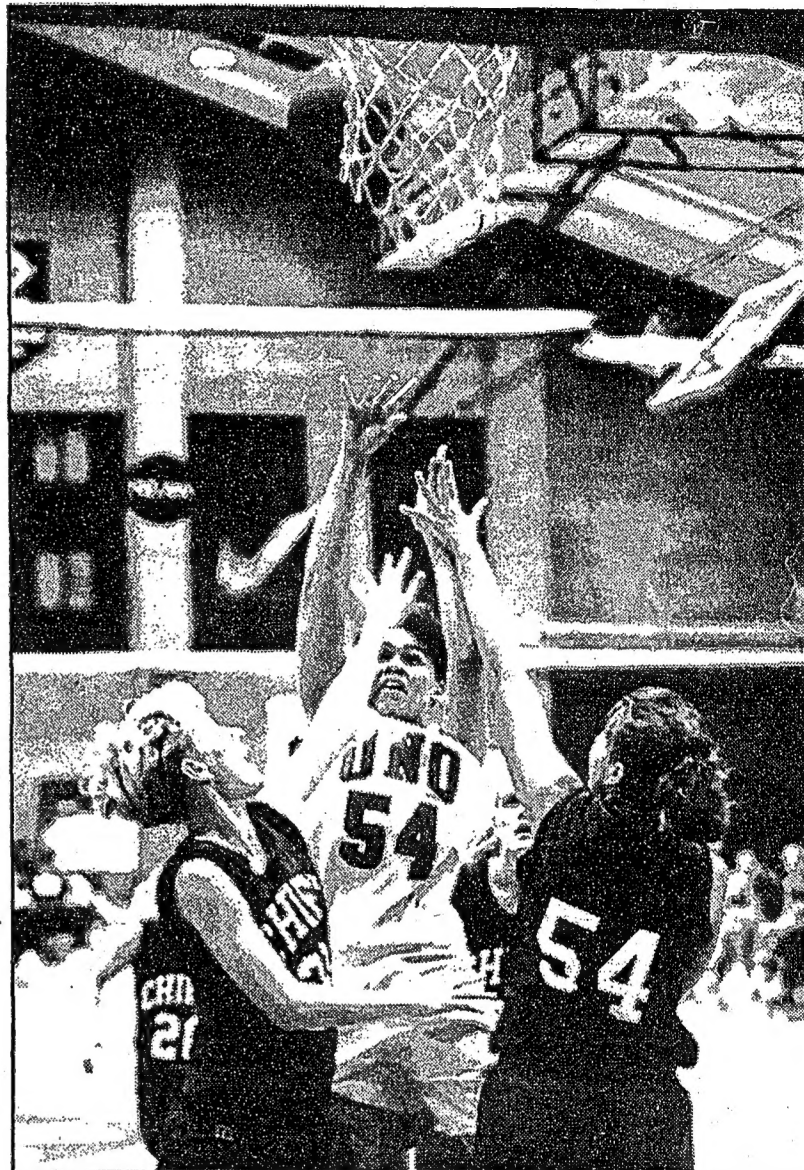
Loth and UNO's other backcourt players will have UNC Guard Jenny Gallagher to stop. The junior is averaging 15 points for the Bears and is second in the conference with an average of 6.2 assists per game.

In the front court, Mankenberg feels Center Michelle Spetman and Forward Amy Breen have started complementing each other.

"Spetman and Breen are working well together," she said. "There are so many things that Breen can do. She can post up, shoot the 3-pointer, she's good off the drive and now she's our leading rebounder."

There may be no bigger game for Loth, Spetman and Breen than Saturday night. The losing team's postseason hopes will be a dim glow compared to the winner's fire.

| Women's NCC Standings | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 1) South Dakota State | 10-1 |
| North Dakota State | 10-1 |
| 3) North Dakota | 9-2 |
| 4) UNO | 5-6 |
| N. COLORADO | 5-6 |
| Augustana | 5-6 |
| St. Cloud State | 5-6 |
| 8) Mankato State | 4-7 |
| 9) Morningside | 1-9 |
| South Dakota | 1-9 |



Lady Mav J.C. Van Fossen, middle, shoots over Morningside defenders earlier this season. She and the Lady Mavs have a big game Saturday against the Northern Colorado Bears.

Sideline

Mavs Lose Three More Players

Three Maverick basketball players won't be playing in Saturday's game against Northern Colorado.

Juniors Pete Ledford and Richard Jones have decided not to finish the remainder of the season. Jones, who averaged 8.8 points per game in his career, decided to leave the team, as did Ledford, who added 11.9 points per game over his three years at UNO.

In addition, James Miller has been suspended from Saturday's game for "violating the team's academic rules."

"James' situation will be reviewed next week," said UNO Head Coach Kevin Lehman.

Earlier in the season, forward Derrick Bogay quit, Michael Reives fractured his leg and will not return until next year, and Jim Lake quit earlier in the season, as well.

Butler Named Athlete of the Week

Lady Mav runner Carri Butler was named Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week by the North Central Conference. Last weekend at the Tiger Classic at Doane College (Grete, Neb), she won the 55 meter sprint, 300 and 400. Her mark of 59.16 seconds in the 400 is a provisional qualifying

mark for nationals later this season. Butler is the first Lady Mav to win the award this indoor season.

Promotions Postponed

Promotions scheduled for earlier in the season have been rescheduled for February 17 due to snow on the original date of January 26.

At halftime of the UNO women's basketball game (6 p.m.) and the men's game (8 p.m.), competition between students and celebrities in a pie-eating contest will be featured.

Men's Basketball Team Hosts UNC

With their lone win coming against the University of Northern Colorado Bears, UNO heads into Saturday night's game (8 p.m.) with a 1-10 record.

On January 13, the Mavs defeated UNC 72-71 in Greeley, Colo. Charles Box scored 15 points in the win.

Your Attention Please

Starting next Friday, the Gateway, in cooperation with the HPER building office, will be posting intramural standings, schedules and scores.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday

Saturday

Men's Basketball



NORTHERN COLORADO
8 p.m.

Women's Basketball



NORTHERN COLORADO
6 p.m.

Wrestling



at Central Miss.
7 p.m.

at Missouri Valley Open
All day

Women's Track



NWU Open Lincoln
9 a.m.

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9 a.m.

Football Team Signs 300-Pound Mann, 14 Others

By Tony Reinke

Of the 15 high school recruits UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns signed on Wednesday, nine of them come on the defensive end. Behrns, who expressed the importance of restocking his defense, was pleased with his nine signees.

"I'm glad (recruiting) is over," Behrns said. "It was a difficult year. To try and match what we did last year recruiting, quality wise, was difficult. It seemed there were several more schools in the area then the past. But I am pleased with what we got."

Ryan Schmidt, a defensive end from Millard South, Adam Wright from Omaha North High School and Parnell Walton of Central High School were the three defensive signees from the Omaha metro area. Schmidt and the Millard South Indians won the 1995 state championship. In addition, he was named to the all-division and honorable mention all-state team.

Behrns and the UNO coaching staff also acquired quarterback Mike Kelly from Chi-

cago. Last season he led Brother Rice High School to a state championship.

Donnie Mann, an offensive lineman from Council Bluffs' Abraham Lincoln High School, is said to be one of the largest UNO recruits ever. His 6-foot-8, 300 pound frame brings the memories of 1968 recruit Gary Kipfmiller (6-foot-4, 340-pound) back to the Mavs.

"Any time you can bring size in with good mobility it's a good addition," Behrns said. "You just can't pass up linemen like Mann."

The Mavs added even more beef to their lines with 295-pound Nick Prescott from Millard North High School and 300-pound Alfonzo Shade from Des Moines.

"We signed three 300-pound guys," Behrns said. "What is surprising about those guys is there mobility. There not slow, they have mobility."

In all, UNO signed six defensive lineman, a punter, a quarterback, fullback, two offensive linemen and five other multi-position players.

Lady Mav Volleyball Recruits Two Hitters

By Tony Reinke

UNO Head Volleyball Coach Rose Shires and Assistant Coach Karen Povondra finalized the signings of two recruits Wednesday. Both are strong net players.

"We were looking, primarily, at middle hitters," Shires said. "We need to replace Denise Otten in the middle and give ourselves some depth in the middle."

The Lady Mavs did that with Korrine Boltin from Omaha Marian high school and Chris Brink from Tracy, Minn.

"Last season I felt we were very fortunate with only two middle hitters that we didn't have any injuries in that position."

Shires' team loses one player from last season in Otten. The 6 foot middle blocker from Norfolk was an All-American and broke the single-season record for hitting percentage in 1995. She will stay with the Lady Mavs

as an assistant.

Brink, who stands 6 feet tall, was a 1995 first team Minnesota all-state selection. She led Tracy-Milroy high school to state championships in 1994 and 1995.

"She will definitely bring power and speed at the net for us," Shires said. "She is tall and a very imposing player at the net."

Boltin, also a middle, stands at 5-feet-10 inches. Last season at Marian she was an honorable mention all-state selection.

"We feel she will develop into a great college player," Shires said. "Her strengths are attacking and blocking at the net."

Shires says there is a good chance that one of the two recruits will start next season.

"Without a doubt, recruiting went better then expected," she said. "We have signed two great athletes."

UNO Football Signees

| Name (position) | Ht. Wt. | Hometown/HS |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Mike Borrall (punter) | 6-1 175 | Sioux City, IA/East |
| Ryan Dodge (DL) | 6-3 245 | Fremont |
| Chris Cooper (DE/OLB) | 6-6 225 | Lincoln/ Southeast |
| Josh Herrmann (DE) | 6-3 200 | Wahoo |
| Matt Kelly (QB) | 6-4 190 | Chicago, IL/ Brother Rice |
| Jeff Lustgraaf (DE/TE) | 6-3 215 | Missouri Valley, IA |
| Donnie Mann (OL) | 6-8 300 | Council Bluffs, IA/Abe Lincoln |
| T.J. Orr (WR) | 6-2 180 | Omaha/ Roncalli |
| Nick Prescott (OL) | 6-3 295 | Omaha/ Millard North |
| Ryan Schmidt (DE) | 6-2 220 | Omaha/ Millard South |
| Alfonzo Shade (DL) | 6-2 300 | Des Moines/ Roosevelt |
| Chad Spencer (FB) | 5-10 230 | Des Moines/ Roosevelt |
| Troy Tesmer (LB) | 6-2 210 | Grand Island |
| Parnell Walton (DB/RB) | 5-10 170 | Omaha/ Central |
| Adam Wright (RB/DB) | 6-1 198 | Omaha/ North |

UNO Volleyball Signees

| Name (position) | Ht. | Hometown/HS |
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| Chris Brink (MB) | 6-0 | Tracy, MN |
| Korrine Boltin (MB) | 5-10 | Omaha/ Marian |

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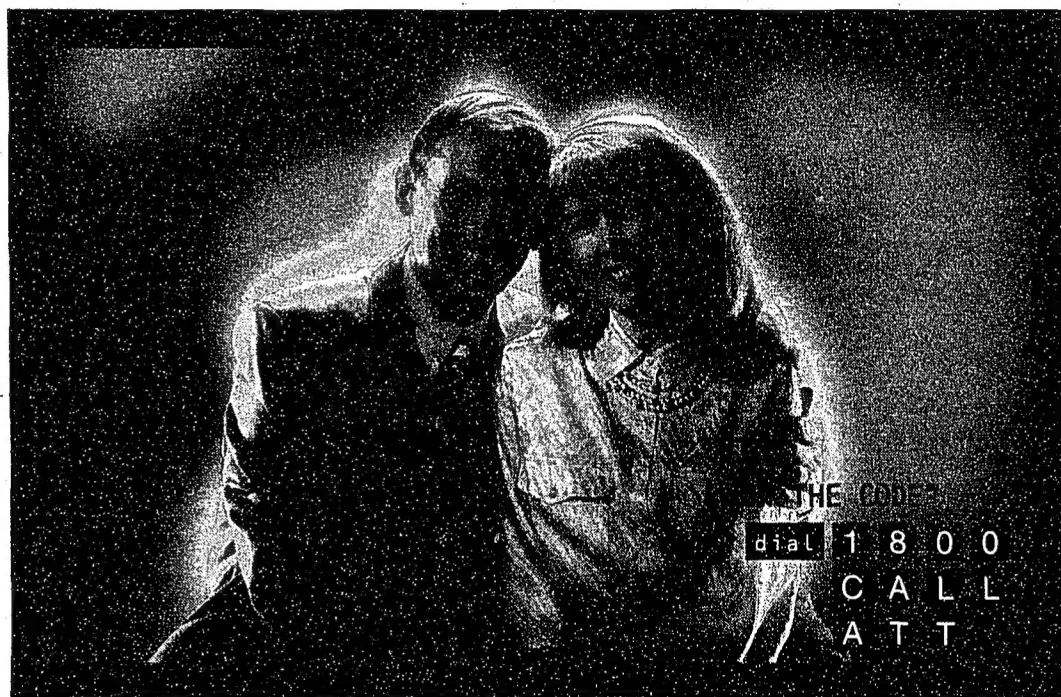
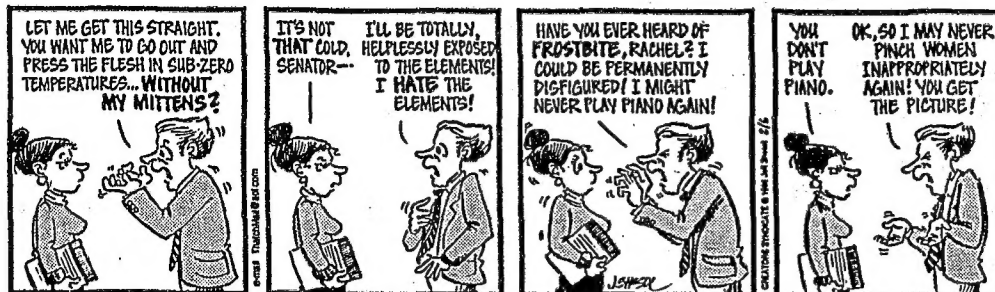


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By College Press Service

"Mother-Lode" Of Higher Ed Facts On New Web Site

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—Did you know... the average salary of a professor at a private college is \$79,043? That there are currently 14 million students in the U.S.? That the average S.A.T. score last year was 910?

Statistics like these can be found at a new web site that bills itself as "the mother-lode of information about American higher education." Funded by a three-year grant from the National Education Association, the site is maintained by graduate students and faculty at the University of Rochester.

The site, the Resource Center for Higher Education, is designed for use by researchers, analysts, policy makers and journalists, said Jan Fitzpatrick, spokesperson for the university. But college students needing legislative, financial or other research on education could use it, too, she added.

Questions can be forwarded to the center's staff, who will point users in the right direction for an online search. "When you go into the library and you're not sure where to find what

you're looking for, you go to the reference desk librarian," Fitzpatrick said. Like the librarian, the staff "helps you refine your search."

The site contains numerous links to other resource tools, including the New York Public Library. Although much of its material has already existed online, the site provides "a coordinated way to get to it all," she said.

To sample the site's resources, go to gopher://NEA-RCHE.warner.rochester.edu.

Baylor U: They Can Dance

WACO, Texas—After 151 years, Baylor University is finally rolling back the carpets.

The nation's largest Baptist school is lifting its ban on dancing and will probably see some of its 12,000 students boogieing to country and pop tunes at its annual "Dia de Loso" spring carnival.

Baylor President Robert Sloan unexpectedly made the

announcement in January at his usual weekly meeting with student leaders. One student apparently asked if a senior-year friend would be able to dance before leaving school, and the president gave his OK.

According to reports, the president called dancing an often "wholesome activity" that is already done in as aerobic exercise and cheerleading.

Also, most students will not have to learn to dance, noted Baylor spokesman Stan Madden.

"We've had dances for years in downtown Waco," he said. Moving them on-campus just seemed cheaper and easier, despite tradition.

"There are a lot of core values here that will never change," he said. "There'll probably be some of our friends who will be upset. But our students won't embarrass us."

Most students said they were excited by the change.

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